

Chapter 5: Strengthening Public Health Capacity

Data for the following objectives within this chapter have not been updated. Explanations are provided below. These objectives are excluded from the body of this report.

Chapter	Objective	Explanation
5	1 (Developmental): Increase the proportion of Healthy New Jersey 2010 objectives for which state data are released within one year of the end of data collection by 100 percent	No baseline data were reported for this developmental objective. A strategy for gathering this data has not yet been devised.
5	2 (Developmental): Increase the use of standardized geocoding in all major NJDHSS health data systems to promote the development of geographical information system (GIS) capability by 100 percent	No baseline data were reported for this developmental objective. A strategy for gathering this data has not yet been devised.
5	3 (Developmental): Increase the proportion of NJDHSS Healthy New Jersey 2010 objectives for which racial/ethnic subobjectives are appropriate that can be tracked for all population groups to 100 percent	No baseline data were reported for this developmental objective. A strategy for gathering this data has not yet been devised.
5	4 (Developmental): Increase the proportion of non-confidential NJDHSS health data that is made readily available to the public	No baseline data were reported for this developmental objective. A strategy for gathering this data has not yet been devised.
5	5 (Developmental): Increase the percentage of local health departments that perform the following core public health function	Baseline data were based on a survey performed in 1998. The survey has not been replicated since. A survey will be performed in 2005 to collect current data.
5	6a (Developmental): Increase the percentage of local health departments that have actively participated in developing a county-wide community health plan that identifies improved health outcomes to 80 percent	The community public health plan or Community Health Improvement Plan or (CHIP) as it is referred to in Practice Standards is not due until 2007. However, the majority of local health departments have begun the process of developing the plan by aligning themselves in regional partnerships that have the ultimate goal of producing the CHIP by the required date.

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5	6b (Developmental): Increase the percentage of county-wide public health partnerships which produce one initial health plan and two updates by 2010 to 100 Percent	As stated under 6a. above, the majority of local health departments have organized regional partnerships, which now cover eighteen of the state's twenty-one counties. The remaining three counties will be addressed during 2005. The initial Community Health Improvement Plan is not due until 2007.
5	8 (Developmental): Increase the percentage of local health departments that satisfy staff expertise/competencies defined in NJDHSS Public Health Performance Standards to 90 percent	New Jersey DHSS requires the licensure of all Health Officers and Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHSS) in New Jersey. Through the annual licensure renewal process, DHSS is able to ensure that 100 percent of Health Officers and Registered Environmental Health Specialists meet the expertise/competencies defined in the Public Health Performance Standards. While 100 percent of Health Officers and REHSSs meet the DHSS practice standard requirements, data on the rest of the positions covered by the practice standards are not yet available.

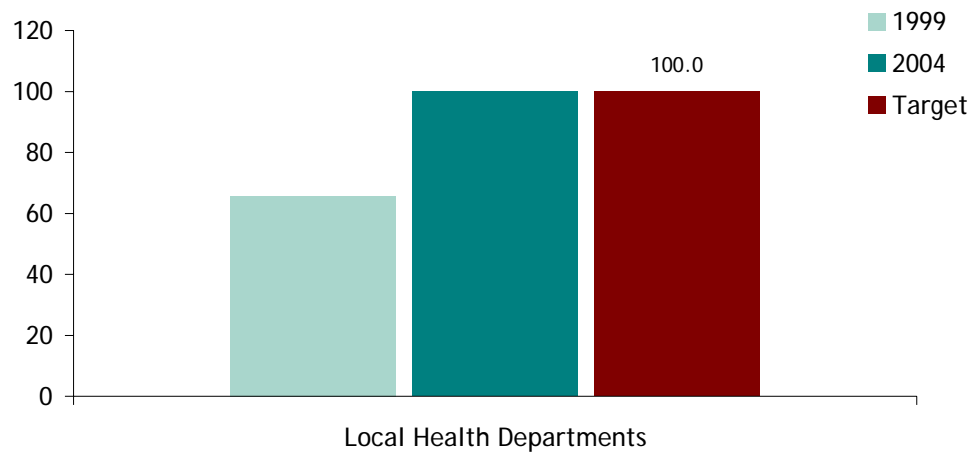
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Objective 7a: Increase the percentage of local health departments that have workplace access to the internet

Population	Target	Preferred Endpoint
Local Health Departments	100.0	100.0

Recent Data

Percentage of local health departments that have workplace access to the Internet, New Jersey 1999-2004



	Local Health Departments
1999	65.7
2004	100.0

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Local Health

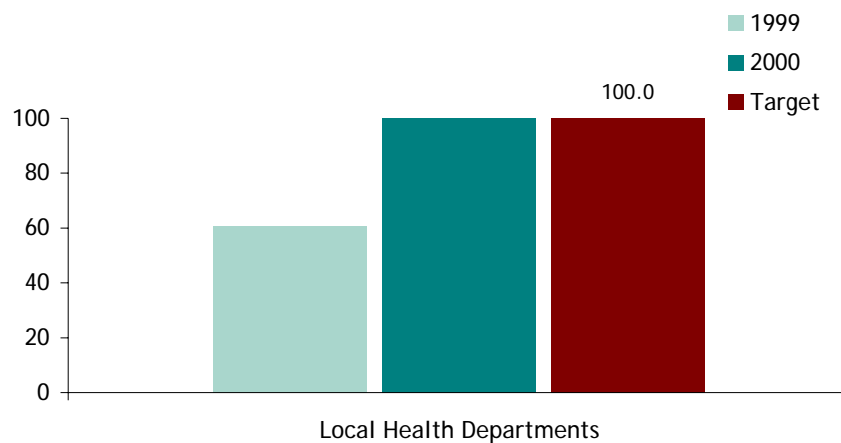
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Objective 7b: Increase the percentage of local health departments that participate in the Local Information Network and Communications System (LINCS) public health information system in their respective counties

Population	Target	Preferred Endpoint
Local Health Departments	100.0	100.0

Recent Data

Percentage of local health departments that participate in the Local Information Network and Communications System (LINCS) public health information system in their respective counties, New Jersey 1999-2000



	Local Health Departments
1999	60.6
2000	100.0

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Local Health

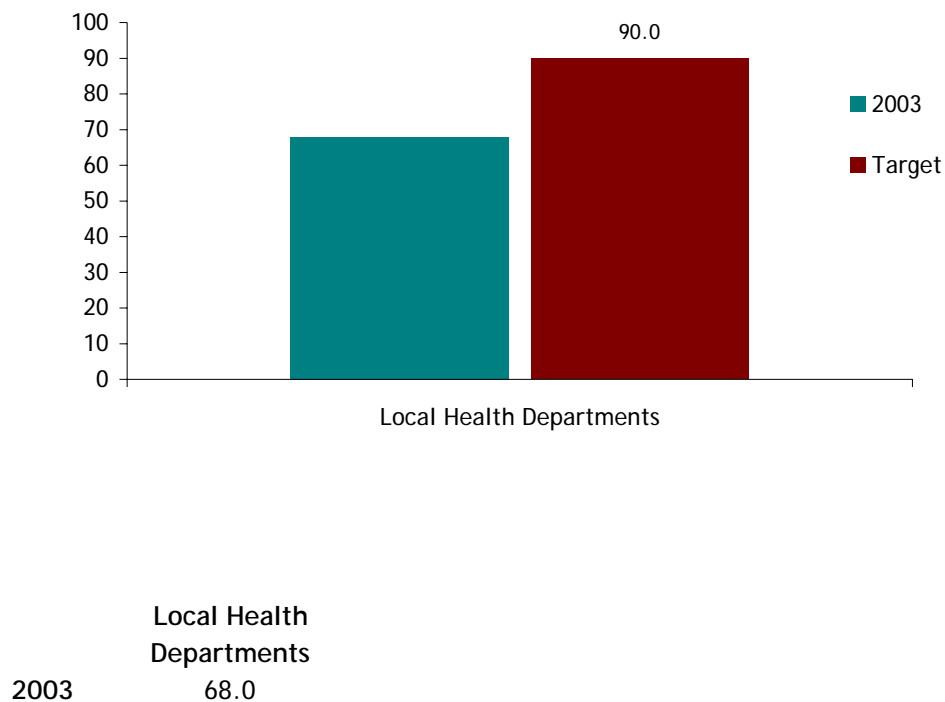
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Objective 9: Increase the percentage of local health departments that satisfy NJDHSS public health performance standards for public health and laboratory services

Population	Target	Preferred Endpoint
Local Health Departments	90.0	100.0

Recent Data

Percentage of public health departments that satisfy
NJDHSS public health performance standards for
public health and environmental laboratory services,
New Jersey 2003



NOTE: This objective was identified as developmental in the original Healthy New Jersey 2010 publication.
Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Local Health

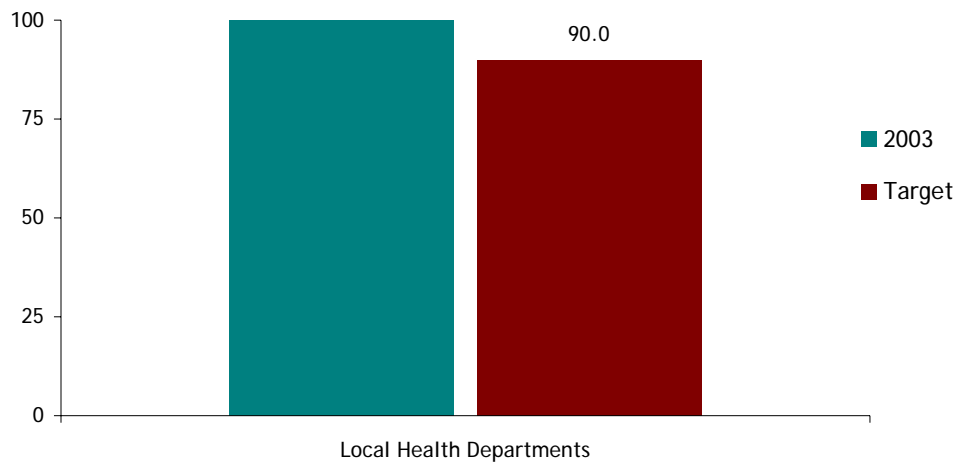
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Objective 10: Increase the percentage of local health departments that satisfy NJDHSS public health performance standards for epidemiology services to support core functions and essential public health services

Population	Target	Preferred Endpoint
Local Health Departments	90.0	100.0

Recent Data

Percentage of public health departments that satisfy NJDHSS public health performance standards for epidemiology services, New Jersey 2003



Local Health
Departments
2003 100.0

Note: This objective was identified as developmental in the original Healthy New Jersey 2010 publication.
Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Local Health